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WEBB TO RESCUE OF WOMEN'S HATS

Congressman Webb of North Carolina, author of the Webb anti-liquor shipping law, announced today that he intends coming to the rescue of the much abused aigrettes.

"I intend introducing a bill to repeal that part of the new tariff law prohibiting importation of aigrettes," said Mr. Webb.

"Use of shears to ruin women's hats at our custom houses is an outrage.

"The law was never intended to deprive women of their aigrettes if they were bought and owned before the women went abroad. Aigrettes last a lifetime."

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CHAPTER XXIX.—(Continued.)

WARDLY she refused to heed what he had said. She remembered then all that she had intended to say to him and why she believed it was more for the purpose of arguing him out of his resolve to commit a crime than for any other reason that she had so longed for the chance to see him once more.

"Why did you come to New York at all? Why did you not remain where you were in safety, at least until tonight?" she asked him.

"I have already told you the principal reason," he answered.

"But what was the errand that could have brought you to New York at midnight?" she insisted. She wished to force him to confess to her his intentions concerning Lieutenant Rushion.

But Harvard dodged the question again. He repeated, once more, the words that he had said so cruelly, the words that he must know hurt her. Evidently he intended them so.

But Katherine Maxwell was brave, and she was not to be cowed by his strength of will. Harvard repeated, with almost cruel emphasis on each word he uttered:

"I have already told you that I wished to avoid you. Otherwise I would have stayed on there till night."

"That was not the only reason you had for leaving when you did," she said.

"No."

"What was the other one?"

"You must discuss it now—with me."

"Must?"

"Yes. I have earned it—I have won the right to know. Answer me."

"I had some small preparations to make before going away—very far away this time."

"That reply is a mere subterfuge."

He shrugged his shoulders and made no answer.

"Tell me," she said, "what small preparations you were required to make before you go away—very far away?"

"There was a duty which I felt—no, there is a duty which I know I must perform before I go. And—"

"A seemingly happy thought occurred to him—also there are several sums of money that I have hidden in different locations and which I will have need of."

"Oh," she said, and was silent.

"It is my—"

"The inference that might be derived from what he had said was plain. He would not explain. He believed that she already thought him guilty. Let it go at that."

"You did not complete what you were about to say," she told him.

"No. It is unnecessary."

"What is the duty that you feel you must perform before you go?" she asked him. He determined that she would force him to confess to her, although she already knew what it was.

"It is an act of justice," he evaded her.

She left her position near the door and moved nearer to him, so that she stood at the opposite end of the table.

"Should I I feel you must know," she said, looking straight into his eyes.

He did not reply. His own eyes fell before hers and he raised them again, and his head also, and stood straight, and tall, and determined before her.

"No," he said, with slow emphasis. "I will tell you, since you must know."

"Well," she asked, when he paused. He took a step backward; then he passed partly around the table and faced her. He stretched out his arms and opened his hands. He knew she was watching and unclenching them spasmodically. The expression of his face changed. His eyes burned. His nostrils dilated. His features grew stern.

"I am going to kill Rushion—with these hands," he said.

"He hesitated for a moment. If anything, he was pitched a tone lower than before. But the utterance was final. It was the closest of secrets. The end of an argument. The ultimatum of days and weeks of thought.

"I knew it," she said. Her voice was hardly above a breath.

"Well, then, why did you make me tell it?"

"Because, although I did know it, I would not permit myself to believe it—of you."

"Why not of me? Am I not entirely justified?"

"Perhaps—if you are really guilty of it."

"If I am guilty?" He laughed aloud maliciously.

"No. You are not justified in committing such an act," she said. "Nothing could justify it. It is not Bingham Harlow who utters that insane threat. It is the Night Wind who speaks."

"Aye. It is the Night Wind, the felon, the outcast, the hunted. The so-called thief. But more than all else, it is the wronged man."

She did not reply.

He stepped forward and grasped her by the arm, hurting her, although he did not know or intend it.

"Listen to me," he said, anxiously. All the devil in him was roused, then, and the sight of her there before him, with all her merciless charms, roused it. The belief that he had thought him a thief added to it. "Think of what that man has done to me—and to you, also. Just think first of what he has done to me."

He paused, lifting his chin and pulling at his collar, as if the swelling muscles of his neck made it choke him. Katherine was silent. He continued:

"It was happy. I was contented; I was at peace with the world and with myself. I had accumulated sufficient funds or my own to lift me above the strife for mere wealth. In the beginning I was a foundling."

"God alone knows who I was. But a man, a good man, found me. I was a

"S" Matter, Pop?



By C. M. PAYNE

New Woman As Mother Is Decried As Race Menace

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Graduates of fashionable Eastern schools for girls—particularly those who attended Bryn Mawr—were up in arms today because of the assertion of Bird S. Coler, former controller of New York city, that "the race would die out within 150 years if graduates of Bryn Mawr and other fashionable girls' schools were depended upon to produce future inhabitants."

Coler made this statement before the Industrial Club in the course of a six-day attack upon eugenics, sex hygiene teaching, and the spread of socialistic doctrines in the public schools.

"In Bryn Mawr College eugenics has been taught for fifteen years," he said, "and among the graduates of that school there has been but one birth in three families. Notwithstanding that, they try to raise a super-woman by dancing on the grass in bare feet, and other foolish fads. No race can exist with the doctrine of eugenics, unless imbued with the religion that sets its face against race suicide and child murder."

Coler criticized Mrs. Ella Flagg Young for sex hygiene instruction in the Chicago schools, and said much of her popularity was due to her "socialistic sectarianism."

Thirty Thousand Need Shoes For Christmas

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Thirty thousand little children in the Calumet, Mich., district are facing Christmas without hope of a visit from Santa Claus, so cold and hungry that children though they are, the longings are not for toys and candy, but for shoes.

This is an extract from the appeal for clothing sent out today by the Woman's Trade Union League, of Chicago, which is collecting warm clothes to send to the children of the men on strike in the copper country.

"On these silent little non-combatants falls the worst of the suffering brought on by the winter," said Miss Emma Staghagen, secretary of the league. "We want to see that as many of them as possible are at least warmly clothed."

MAIL BAG

(From The Times Readers.)

To the Editor of THE TIMES:—In the issue of The Times of December 10, I notice an article headed "Boy-cott is Raised" on eggs. Whereas, in my opinion, 65 cents is too high for eggs at any time, yet these would be boycotters who say they will not buy eggs over 25 cents per dozen. I think have not considered the question from all its bearings. City folks seem to think that all the country people have to do is to get a lot of hens (which cost money), throwing them perhaps a little grain occasionally, and that these same hens, every one, should lay an egg every day in the year. (This is some belief of many city folk, about garden truck, etc.; that it costs their country cousins little or nothing to live, because they raise most of what they eat. There is never a greater mistake.) But to return to the egg question. It is not considered with the high price of eggs, the high price of chicken feed. I have known eggs to sell for so little as 3 and 10 cents per dozen. This was twenty years or more ago. Feed then for poultry and other stock was at least 10 per cent lower than now. This also holds good for mankind. Do you expect poultry to raise eggs for 1 cent each and make any profit at all? It can't be done.

Do you consider that for about four months in the year most hens take a vacation, and only a few lay? The owner has to feed them all the same, on high-priced grain with no return. Do you consider that old hens lay few eggs at any time, and that others must raise their places? If the poultryman raises these, he has to feed them from the day they are hatched with expensive feed. Then the loss of the death rate and the poultryman's time and trouble, when from these young chicks, he gets absolutely no return for at least six or eight months, when they begin to lay. If any one thinks it's all pay—no profit, no return for at least six or eight months, when they begin to lay. If any one thinks it's all pay—no profit, no return for at least six or eight months, when they begin to lay.

But he must have a full pocketbook and an industrious body and careful hands to mind. If I think, perhaps a poultryman can make a fair profit as a business at 45 cents in winter and 50 cents in summer, for his eggs. Does the cattleman have any hard time with his stock? Why does not the public boycott him? He asks what he pleases for his beef, and we buy it. Do you consider that the poultryman's proposition, as it may cause so many to go out of business, because they can't make a profit. Then, no matter how high eggs are you can't boycott, because the supply will be so far short of the demand. Don't fool with poultrymen—they'll get you. J. L. BOYDEN, Glendale, Md.

Provident Bridget. The dinner hour came, and taking the cover from one dish the mistress was surprised to find it empty.

"Why, Bridget," said the hostess, turning and addressing the servant girl, "what is the meaning of this empty dish?"

"Shure, mum," was the startling rejoinder of Bridget, "didn't yes say yet would make an apology at the table, and don't yes want a dish to put it in?" Philadelphia Telegraph.

Wanted! Just Half A Job!

The Professional Woman, the High School Teacher, and the Idle Rich Girl put together over their tea.

"Have you been to the concert?" inquired the Idle Rich Girl.

"No," said the Professional Woman. "I have not, although I fully intended going, but I could not get the time. Tomorrow, I think every day, I shall not be so busy, but today I must finish this, see to that. I am getting to despair of reaching tomorrow. I have scarcely had time to draw a long breath this week."

"You don't look tired," said the Teacher, somewhat enviously.

"Look tired!" exclaimed the Professional Woman. "Certainly not. If I stopped to be tired! My only hope is in the protestantism of always maintain myself of perfect freshness and energy."

"But surely," said the Idle Rich Girl to the Teacher, "you have time for concerts. One does not have school all day."

"One does, indeed," said the Teacher. "all days and many evenings and Saturdays. Sunday is the only time there is no call upon the Teacher in these days when a school is a social center, as well as an educational institution. We must participate in all the social recreation, often two or three days a week. I attend athletic meets and games and dances, besides frequent society meetings. I absolutely refuse to take school hours home, so I remain until all is finished—corrections or preparations."

"This is the first breath I have had this week," sighed the Idle Rich Girl, half mockingly, half seriously. "I have been envying you both your absorbing interest in your work, and I've got it. Now it appears it is too absorbing. I wish one could get just about half a job."

"That is just the very hardest thing to find," answered the Professional Woman. "It is so easy to get too much work. And for some people—not that I envy you—no job at all. But a job that gives one interest and leisure both."

"Aren't hobbies job enough?" inquired the Teacher. "I could be well occupied riding my horse, or playing tennis."

"No," said the Professional Woman. "I know what she means. Something not only want to do but have to do. I can suggest several if you will give me a muffin first. Volunteer so many days or half days a week to some charity organization. Read stories to hospital children. Get interested in friendly visiting or settlement work."

"Have two muffins," interrupted the Idle Rich Girl, hastily. "Please remember it was only half a job I wanted!"

Mrs. Haas Makes Debut Here As a Soloist

Mrs. Caroline Jantze de Haas made her first appearance as a soloist in Washington Thursday evening at the Raleigh Hotel, in a program from Schubert, Liszt, and other famous composers. Mrs. Haas has a soprano voice. She was accompanied by Louis de Haas. The recital was designed to introduce Mrs. Haas to the Capital. She opened a studio and will reside here.

Monday Matinee Dec. 22d At 2:15 Seats now on sale at 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 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